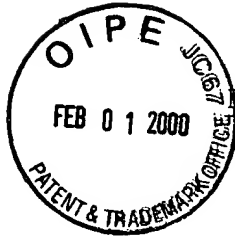


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IN THE UNITED STATES
PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

PATENT APPLICATION

Applicants: **Hiroshi AKISUKI, Nobuhide DOTSUBO**

Case: **Sanyo-74**

Serial No.: **08/919,670**

Filed: **August 28, 1997**

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Examiner: **Alicia Harrington**

Title: **ELECTRONIC CAMERA AND BATTERY VOLTAGE CONTROLLING
METHOD EMPLOYED THEREIN FOR SUCCESSIVELY, RATHER THAN
SIMULTANEOUSLY, OPERATING CAMERA PORTIONS DURING
CONDITIONS OF LOW BATTERY VOLTAGE (as amended)**

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D. C. 20231

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**TRANSMITTAL LETTER AND
CONDITIONAL PETITION FOR EXTENSION**

The Applicants believe that as a result of a government closing on January 25, 2000 as well as today, January 26, 2000, due to inclement weather, no extension of time is due for the accompanying amendment filed simultaneously herewith and due on January 25, 2000 in response to an office action (Paper No. 3) dated October 25, 1999.

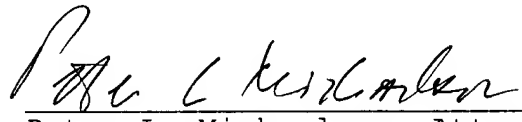
If the Applicants are mistaken and any such extension is due, the Applicants conditionally petition the Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks for a one-month extension of the time to respond to the Office Action from

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January 25, 2000 to and including February 25, 2000, and to charge the cost of that extension to my Deposit Account 13-3083.

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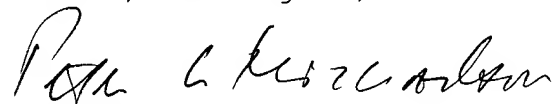
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